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USAID Awards *International Youth Foundation* with “Alliance of the Year” for 2006

International Youth Foundation®



In a February 21 ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington, USAID honored the

International Youth Foundation (IYF) as the recipient of the 2006 Global Development Alliance Excellence Award for its *entra 21* initiative. *Entra 21* was selected from among 400 alliances worldwide. The Award is given to showcase exemplary alliances that have positive impact and bring new partners to the development community. Award winners have shown the ability to bring together diverse resources and innovative approaches to solve development challenges.

Entra 21 is a workforce development program now operating in 18 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. In five years, *entra 21* has provided information technology training to more than 19,000 disadvantaged young people aged 16-29. The employment rate for *entra 21* graduates is 50 percent, and the majority of those working have jobs that pay minimum wage or more and provide benefits. The alliance was established by IYF, in partnership with the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) of the Inter-American Development Bank. USAID has supported the alliance with \$3 million in funding.



SUAL Alliance Sparks Closer Understanding of Russian Business



With the active involvement of citizens, small- and medium-sized businesses, and NGOs in finding solutions to social problems, the SUAL alliance has succeeded in building effective community foundations. Launched in 2004, financial contributions for the project totaled \$2.6 million. A recently published program evaluation of the USAID-SUAL Alliance found that it has been productive for both parties. The alliance reached its goals to improve

